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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
11th October 1866.

No. 134. Read the following letter from Captain R. F. OAKES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Tanjore, 28th September 1866, No. 780.

I have the honor to inform you that, on the receipt of G. O., No. 1566, dated 16th May, I requested the Superintendent of the Jail at Trichinopoly to favor

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me with an expression of the opinion of the Jail Committee, relative to the necessity, or otherwise, of extending the drain, as proposed in the Committee's original Proceedings, dated 19th July, but to which the Inspector General of Jails objected. In their Proceedings, dated 27th July 1866, the Committee state "that it is absolutely necessary that the drainage from the Jail, which is now carried into the Fort ditch, and remains there, should be carried on to the low paddy grounds, as proposed by the Executive Engineer." I would observe that the Inspector General

Paragraph 4, No. 1061, 23rd April.

of Jails was mistaken in supposing that the drainage was to be carried into the Wyacondan channel.

2. The Committee also expressed their opinion as to the necessity of building the proposed Latrine and Pondrette Shed, but as they made no comment on the subject of the reduction of the size of these buildings, as suggested by the Inspector General, I called for information on this point, and it would appear that, as the Jail is likely to be required to afford accommodation for a large number of prisoners for some years, the Committee are of opinion that a Latrine and Pondrette Shed, of the dimensions originally proposed, should be constructed.

3. The following papers are enclosed :—

Abstract Estimate of Latrine,*
Pondrette Shed, and drain, Rupees 5380.
Plan of the two former.

* On the dry earth system. Plans of Latrines referred to in G. O., 5th July, No. 2111, not having been received.

Sketch of ground showing the latter.

Original Proceedings of the Jail Committee, dated 27th July 1866.

No. 26.
20th September.
19th September.

President's letter, dated 21st September.

Memorandum by Acting Garrison Surgeon.
Memorandum by Executive Engineer. } Members.

Proceedings of a Committee assembled under orders of the Madras Government, in the Judicial Department, No. 877, of the 16th June 1865.

President.—A. R. McDONELL, Civil and Session Judge.

Members. { Lieutenant-Colonel T. GREENAWAY, Executive Engineer.
Surgeon-Major HARPER, in Medical charge of the Jail.

Trichinopoly, 27th July 1866.

The President and Members visited the Jail and neighbourhood, and after making every inquiry, and personally inspecting the different localities, the Committee resolved that it is absolutely necessary that the drainage from the Jail, which is now carried into the Fort ditch and remains there, should be carried on to the low paddy ground, as proposed by the Executive Engineer. There cannot be a doubt that, on sanitary grounds alone, the work is urgently necessary. The Fort ditch is now being gradually filled in, as the bastions and ramparts are being destroyed. So, if the drain be allowed to remain as at present, the nuisance now complained of will only be aggravated.

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The Committee were further unanimous in their opinion as to the necessity of building the projected Latrine and Pondrette House for the prisoners.

(Signed) *Æ. R. McDONELL,*
Civil and Session Judge.
(„) *T. GREENAWAY, Lieut.-Colonel,*
Executive Engineer.
(„) *H. HARPER,*
Officer in medical charge of the Jail.

From *Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq.,* Session Judge of Trichinopoly, to the Superintendent of the Jail, Trichinopoly; dated Trichinopoly, 21st September 1866, No. 26.

Referring to the note made by you at the foot of the Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 607, dated the 30th ultimo, to your address, I have the honor, enclosed, to return the papers which accompanied the letter. At the same time, I beg to forward the recorded opinions of the Garrison Surgeon and Executive Engineer, who are members of the Jail Committee, regarding latrine requirements. I would here add, as President of the above Committee, that I fully agree with Dr. Ranking. The Committee have already recorded their opinion as to what was required in this matter. Captain Oakes must be perfectly well aware that the future requirements of the Jail in this respect must depend on the number of convicts in the Jail. Time must elapse before the prisoners are moved to the Central Jail, the building of which has not as yet been commenced. I conclude, therefore, that, for some years at least, the strength of Convicts in the Jail will not decrease, and consequently, for this period, latrine accommodation for its present strength must be provided. Captain Oakes, however, is in a better position than I am for forming an opinion as to how soon the greater portion of the Convicts may be removed and huttet on the site of the new Central Jail, to aid in its erection.

Memorandum by the Acting Garrison Surgeon.

A Latrine of "somewhat smaller size" (to quote the words of the Inspector General of Jails) will doubtless suffice when the new Central Jail is built, or when the excess of prisoners now in the Jail over its estimated accommodation are removed to the site of the New Jail, with a view to commence its construction; but the site has not yet even been determined on.

2. The Executive Engineer's suggestion, that the Latrine accommodation for 80 or 100 men should be of the same dimensions as that proposed for a Native Regimental Hospital, with an average of 12 sick, should not I think be entertained.

3. The accommodation should, at least, equal that required for 20 per cent. upon the strength.

TRICHINOPOLY,
20th September 1866. (Signed) *J. L. RANKING, Surgeon Major,*
Acting Garrison Surgeon.

Memorandum by Executive Engineer.

The whole question depends on the number to be provided for. If not more than eighty or one hundred, I would recommend a Latrine on the model, and of the dimensions, proposed for that of the Hospital, 23rd Regiment Light Infantry, which will only cost Rupees 1100.

TRICHINOPOLY,
19th September 1866. (Signed) *T. GREENAWAY, Lieut.-Colonel,*
Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly.

Referred to the Judicial Department, with reference to the orders in that Department, No. 699, dated 7th May 1866.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd October 1866. (Signed) *C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,*
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

*dings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
11th October 1866.*

ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1866, No. 1603.

The Government approve of the extension of the outer drain, at an estimated Rupees 2700.

The Latrine and Pondrette Store should be reduced, so as to suffice for 100 rs. The Convicts will be huttet out, on the site of the Central Jail, before the can be built, and provision in this respect need therefore only be made for nary complement of the Jail.

The Government presume that the other improvements sanctioned in dated 7th May last, are being duly carried out.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

blic Works Department, with two plans, and one estimate.
Inspector General of Jails.

11th.

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The ^{above} ~~put~~ ~~sanction~~ the
extension of the water drain
at an estimated cost of
Rs 2700.

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should be reduced, so as to
suffice for 100 prisoners.

3 The ^{put} ~~put~~ presume that the
the improvements sanctioned
in G.O. 7 May last are
being duly carried out

In this might be added C.P. 2. in explanation of the sentence.

Para 2. (I presume) the convicts will
be huddled out, on the site of the Central
jail, long before the Latrine is ^{can be} built ^{and}
(that) provision in this respect need ^{therefore} not
be made for the ordinary complement of prisoners.